[12th October 1928

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Pending the report from the District Magistrate, will the hon. Member be pleased to issue orders to take the accused by motor bus or any other conveyance ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " All that I can say at present is that, as soon as the report is received, the matter will be dealt with."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are these men to suffer till the Government receive the report and pass orders ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I do not know whether they are suffering or not "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Cannot the Government believe the statement made by respectable citizens of His Majesty ? "

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Even if the Government err, will they be pleased to err on the safe side ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already promised that the Government will consider the question as soon as the report is received. "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Even in case the allegations are untrue that these gentlemen are being made to walk to and fro, may I ask why the Government should not issue orders that they should be treated as innocent men until they are convicted and given a conveyance from the Trichinopoly Jail to the Court which is a distance of between 3 to 4 miles ? May I know any other reasons why this order should not be issued by this Government except on the ground that it may be superfluous if our allegations are untrue ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is a matter for the Court to decide."

Mr. Sami VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Will the Government be pleased to issue orders that these persons may be conveyed in a carriage at least in the interest of the police constables who have got to accompany these persons ? " (Laughter.)

Madras Record Office

Curator of the Madras Record office.

* 555 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the appointment of the Curator, Madras Record office, was created ;

(*b*) what was the necessity for the creation of the appointment and what were the duties attached to it ; and

(*c*) when the Madras Record office was constituted and whether the Government will place the connected papers on the table ?

A.—(*a*) April 1911.

(*b*) An officer was required to take charge of all the records, of all current work in connexion with them, of their preservation, repair, indexing, calendaring and publication.

(*c*) The Record office was constituted in April 1908. The Government do not propose to place papers on the table.